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RICHMOND UNIFIED LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 20, 2006

I. Committee Members Present:

Londella Hamilton, Chairman
Patrice Banks, Vice Chair
Paul Futrell
Jerome Lee

II. Affiliate Members Present:

Terri Walen, Virginia Institute for Systemic Treatment (VIST)
Michelle Whittingham, Diversity Training and Support Center
Kimberly Pettus, Inspiration House
Wanda Brown, Angel House
Lucius Alford, Outreach Residential
Taireka Taylor, Outreach Residential

III. Others Present:

James O. Bowser Jr., Regional Advocate
Betty Velez
Tanya R. Moss
Zakia Copeland, Family Restoration Services
Sylvia Funn, Family Restoration Services
Michelle Gestwick, It's A New Day
Michael Bakaar, Pleasant View Residential
Mbalu K. Jah, Pleasant View Residential
Connie Hill, Pleasant View Residential

IV. Executive Session:

A Motion was made and passed that the LHRC go into Executive Session pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (15), for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business, namely to interview a LHRC nominee for membership.

Return to Open Session:

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Richmond Unified LHRC certified that to the best of members' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the close session were discussed in closed session.

A Motion was made and approved to recommend Betty Velez to the State Human Rights Committee for appointment to the Richmond Unified LHRC.

V. Welcome/Call to Order

Ms. Hamilton called the meeting to order.

VI. Approval of May 18, 2006, Minutes

A Motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2006, Meeting.

VII. Requests for Affiliation

A. Quest Residential Mr. Bowser announced Quest discontinued services and therefore was withdrawing request for affiliation.

B. It's A New Day:

Day support with sensory enriched environment, staff ratio-1 to 4. attention on behavioral changes. Approved for 30 clients. Clients must be 18 over with MR diagnosis.

A Motion made and approved to approve affiliation request of It's A New Day.

C. Pleasant View Residential:

Residential facility for 5 individuals- 18 yr and above with mild to moderate MR. Motion to accept with the provision that exclusion policy be explained at September meeting.

A. Motion made and approved to approve affiliation request of Pleasant View Residential.

D. Family Maintenance Counseling:

Crisis intervention, intensive in home therapy 8-10 hours weekly for at-risk youth, 5-21 yrs. Systems theory used in treatment.

A Motion made and approved to approve affiliation request of Family Maintenance.

E. Family Restorations

Serves youth at risk of removal from home. Provides in home counseling to stabilize situation in the home with child and family. Restraints only in emergencies. Crisis Wave techniques used.

A motion was made and approved to approve the affiliation request of Family Restorations.

VIII. Human Rights Activities Reporting

Human Rights Activities Reports were received and accepted from the following affiliate providers:

Outreach Residential;

Angel House;

Diversity;

Rion's Hope;

Inspiration House; and

Virginia Institute for Systemic Treatment

IX. Next meeting date:

September 21, 2006-Host, Diversity Training

November 16, 2006 meeting Host, VIST

X. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.